UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIREE HARNESS)	
Plaintiff,)	
VS.) Civil Action N	o.
NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.))	
Defendant,)	

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

DESIREE HARNESS, ("Plaintiff"), through the undersigned counsel, DANIEL P. HARTSTEIN, alleges the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC., ("Defendant"):

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

- 1. This is an action for actual and statutory damages brought by Plaintiff, Desiree Harness, an individual consumer, against Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, Inc., for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA"), which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair practices.
- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1337. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202. Venue in this District is proper in that the Defendant transacts business here.



PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, Desiree Harness, is a natural person with a permanent residence in Pleasant Lake, Steuben County, Indiana 46779.
- 4. Upon information and belief the Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, Inc., is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debt in this state and in several other states, with its principal place of business located at 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 19044. The principal purpose of Defendant is the collection of debts in this state and several other states, and Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 5. Defendant is engaged in the collection of debts from consumers using the mail and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect consumer debts alleged to be due to another. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. The debt Defendant is attempting to collect on is an alleged obligation of a consumer to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance or services which are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment.
- 7. Within one (1) year preceding the date of this Complaint, Defendant, in connection with the collection of the alleged debt, communicated with the Plaintiff's grandparents, who are not co-signers on the alleged debt, and discussed the alleged debt with them.

- 8. The natural consequences of Defendant's statements was to unjustly condemn and vilify Plaintiff for his non-payment of the debt he allegedly owed.
- 9. The natural consequences of Defendant's statements was to produce an unpleasant and/or hostile situation between Defendant and Plaintiff.
- 10. The natural consequences of Defendant's statements was to cause Plaintiff mental distress.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 11. Plaintiff repeats and realleges and incorporates by reference to the foregoing paragraphs.
- 12. Defendants violated the FDCPA. Defendants' violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Defendant violated $\S 1692b(2)$ of the FDCPA by telling a third party that Plaintiff owes an alleged debt; and
 - (b) Defendant violated \$1692c(b)\$ of the FDCPA by contacting a third party in connection with the collection of the alleged debt without the consent of Plaintiff and without the contact being in a manner covered by \$1692b of the FDCPA; and
 - (c) Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA by using unfair or unconscionable means in connection with the collection of an alleged debt.
- 13. Defendant's acts as described above were done intentionally with the purpose of coercing Plaintiff to pay the alleged debt.
- 14. As a result of the foregoing violations of the FDCPA, Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff, Desiree Harness, for declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and attorney fees.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that judgment be entered against Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, Inc., for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA.
- B. Actual damages.
- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
- D. Costs and reasonable attorney fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
- E. Awarding Plaintiff any pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as may be allowed under the law.
- F. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, DESIREE HARNESS, demands trial by jury in this action.

This 10th day of August, 2011.

/s/ Daniel P. Hartstein

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Of Counsel to: Alex Simanovsky & Associates, LLC 2300 Henderson Mill Road, Suite 300 Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (770) 414-1002 alex@fdcpalawyeronline.com **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully requests that judgment be entered against Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, Inc., for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA.
- B. Actual damages.
- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1592k.
- D. Costs and reasonable attorney fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
- E. Awarding Plaintiff any pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as may be allowed under the law.
- F. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, DESIREE HARNESS, demands trial by jury in this action.

This 11th day of August, 2011.

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